



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL SUMMARY

MAY 13, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Danny Adkins, Casey Allen, Deanna Ashby, Robin Cochran, Thom Cochran, Cornelius Faulkner, Scott Hawkins, Mark Kopp, Mike Lafavers, Danny Osborne, Marty Pollio, Matt Robbins, David Rust, Greg Schultz, Tres Settle, Jay Simmons, Kelly Sprinkles

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Bennett, Kay Dixon, Sanford Holbrook, Kyle Lively, Wayne Roberts, Robb Smith, Henry Webb

SUMMARY:

Agenda Item: Update on Senate Bill 128 & House Bill 563

Presenters: Chuck Truesdell, director of government relations, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE); Meredith Brewer, KDE director of education policy

Summary of Discussion:

An overview of Senate Bill (SB) 128 and House Bill (HB) 563 was shared with members. Senate Bill 128 involves the Supplemental School Year Program. A breakdown of timeline, accountability, funding, curriculum, and special populations were highlighted for SB 128. KDE Associate Commissioner Rhonda Sims shared the concerns that her office has been receiving regarding SB 128's impact on graduation rates. Superintendents were given clarification on assessments for students who choose to repeat a grade. Commissioner of Education Jason E. Glass explained that KDE has no regulatory authority with SB 128, but has released guidance in anticipation of issues that may arise and to guide districts through any hurdles.

House Bill 563 deals with school choice. School choice funding has raised many questions from districts. A non-resident pupil policy must be in place by the 2022-23 school year, but exactly what that will look like in individual districts raises concern. Glass hopes that Kentucky can learn from mistakes that other states have made with "open-borders" in place.

Agenda Item: Question & Answer

Presenter: Jason Glass

Summary of Discussion:

Members raised questions regarding COVID-19 reporting during summer school, as well as social distancing guidelines.

COMM: JGG